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1894	Major Coates MP
1906-13	H.J. Hancock
1914-16	H.G. Palmer
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1930	S.P. Thornett
1931	A. Garry
1932	A.E. Godsall
1933	G. Lloyd
1934	J. Harrap
1935	H. Baldry
1936	J.W. Shuter
1937	F. Gerner
1938	T.B.H. Leveritt
1939	A.E. Watts
1940-43	H.J. Wade
1944-46	S.R. Tyrell
1947	L. Milton
1948	A.J. Tomei
1949	C.F. Wade
1950	N.D. Mackintosh
1951	A.J. Patrick
1952	H.A. Yates
1953	W. d'Leny
1954	H.J. Tyrell
1955-56	E.A. Straker
1957	W. Patteson
1958	A.H. Warren
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1961-63	F.J. Stimpson
1964	S.R. Tyrell
1965-66	A. Holbird
1967-68	C.D. Sweeting
1969-70	T.H. Brown
1971-72	C.W. Cooper
1973-74	E.J. Harmsworth
1975	J.M. Canham
1976-77	S.F. Cass
1978	A.J. Williams
1979	D. Topping
1980	B.C. Kemp
1981	W. Bennetts
1982-83	B.W. Stroud
1984	H.J. Ruby
1985-86	J.M. Canham
1987	J. Appleby

1988-90	R. Davis
1991	J. Holness
1992	K. Wilkshire
1993	J. Holness
1994	J.M. Canham

HON. SECRETARIES

1894	C. Spencer West
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1935-36	F. Bowie
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1958	T.H. Brown
1959-60	L.A. Watkins
1961-62	T.H. Brown
1963	G. Holbird
1964-66	R. Carew
1967	G.W. Brooker
1968-71	T.E. Shellard
1972-76	B.W. Stroud
1977	T.E. Shellard
1978-79	D. Topping
1980	C.W. Cooper
1981-83	R. Muxworthy
1984-90	M. Middleton
1991-92	J. Brown
1993	D. Sumpter
1994	L. Peppiatt

CAPTAINS

1936-37	T.B.H. Leveritt
1938-41	E. Robbins
1942-43	S.R. Tyrell
1944	A.E. Watts
1945-46	M.J. Tomei
1947-48	C.F. Wade
1949	N.D. Mackintosh
1950-51	J.K. White
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1953	S.R. Tyrell
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1955-56	R. Adams
1957-60	T.H. Brown
1961-64	A.W. Russell
1965-66	A.E. Crickmore
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1968-69	R. Adams
1970	G.W. Brooker
1971-74	C.D. Sweeting
1975	D. Clark

CAPTAINS

1976 C.D. Sweeting
 1977-79 T.E. Beesley
 1980-81 J.M. Canham
 1982 C.W. Cooper
 1983-84 T.E. Beesley
 1985-86 V. Woolward
 1987-88 J. Holness
 1989 T. Davies
 1990 M. Middleton
 1991 T. Duncan
 1992 J. Holness
 1993 M. Middleton
 1994 E. Hughes

CLUB CHAMPIONS

1897 F. Webster
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 1903 W. Paton
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 1905 D.B. MacBride
 1906 W.F. Stewart
 1907 F. Webster
 1908 W.F. Stewart
 1909 F. Webster
 1910 C.G. Gillespie
 1911 D.B. MacBride
 1912 A.E. Godsall
 1913 D.A. Ross
 1914 A.E. Godsall
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 1919 C.A. Booth
 1920 A. Garry
 1921 G.W. Woof
 1922 W.H. James
 1923 A. Garry
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 1926 D. Teale

1927 A.E. Godsall
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 1939 S.P. Thornett
 1940 G.F. Layfield
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 1942 S.R. Tyrell
 1943 A.H. Foster
 1944 *Abandoned (War)*
 1945 S.R. Tyrell
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 L.A. Watkins
 S.R. Tyrell
 L.A. Watkins
 R. Adams
 E. Lewis
 R. Adams
 R.J. Dickson
 E.J. Harmsworth
 T.H. Brown
 E.J. Harmsworth
 G.W. Brooker
 A. Pix
 D. Green
 D. Green
 D.J. Clarke
 D.J. Clarke
 E.C. Clarke
 D.J. Clarke
 W.H. Smith
 D.J. Clarke
 J.M. Canham
 H. Ruby
 D. Green
 T.E. Beesley
 R. Carew
 J.M. Canham
 R. Stenning
 V. Woolward
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Our Club has a splendid record and not only were we closely involved in the formation of the Kent County Bowling Association in 1911 but we also provided the Association's first President, Mr W.A. Sims, who was also President of the English Bowling Association in the same year.

I wish you all good health and good bowling and the enjoyment of great fellowship both on and off the green.

John Canham
President



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(wheeze) I wish I had
heard of 'em (gasp)
years ago!



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W. A. Sims (President) 1911

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English Bowling Association Presidents

W. A. Sims - 1911

I. Gillespie - 1911

Kent County Bowling Association Presidents

W. A. Sims - 1911

A. Garry - 1935

T. H. Brown - 1974

C. W. Cooper - 1976

J. M. Canham - 1991

London & Southern Counties Bowling Association Presidents

W. E. Stewart - 1913

A. Garry - 1926

S. R. Tyrrell - 1951

Kent County Women's Bowling Association President

Mr. E. Canham - 1994

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PROSPECTUS.

The Company has been formed for the purposes set forth in the Memorandum of Association, and particularly to make, form and develop a Bowling Green at Forest Hill.

REVIEW OF THE HISTORY

OF THE

FOREST HILL BOWLING CLUB

1894 - 1994

Our Early Years 1894-1905

The story of the Forest Hill Bowling Club begins on Friday 13th April 1894 with a small advertisement in the Anerley and Norwood Times stating that "A Forest Hill Bowling Club is in the course of formation". Further information followed inside the same newspaper under the heading "PROPOSED BOWLING CLUB AT FOREST HILL". It is proposed to establish at Forest Hill a club in which the old fashioned game of bowls may be indulged in. A private ground, 240 feet by 60 feet, at the foot of Perry Rise, has been levelled and prepared during the winter, where two or more games may be played at the same time. It is estimated that a subscription of 10s 6d (without entrance fee for the first fifty members) will be sufficient to provide material and maintain the ground in first class condition during the season. Mr C Spencer-West of Glenthorne, Perry Rise who is acting as Hon. Secretary, pro tem, will be glad to receive names for membership. As soon as a sufficient number of names shall have been received, a meeting will be called with a view to framing rules, and appointing officers of the club".

To put the subscription charge of 10s 6d into perspective, this is just over 50p in today's money. An advert in the same local newspaper indicates that you could purchase four dozen pint bottles of beer for this sum i.e. approximately 1p per pint in new money.

Copy of prospectus in order to raise the necessary capital to develop the bowling green



A. E. Goddall F.A. Champion 1920

The Club was situated between the Baptist Church and the Forest Hill Lawn Tennis Club on the west side of Perry Rise, less than a quarter of a mile from the present location, and it remained there until 1905 when it moved to the Forest Hill Cricket Club in Perry Hill. No reason can be found for the move but it may have been due to the re-development of the area. We do know that a Croquet and Lawn Bowls Club opened nearby whose Hon. Secretary was the same Mr C. Spencer-West.

The Period 1905-1910

On Saturday 29th April 1905 an opening ceremony was held at the Forest Hill Cricket Club and was duly reported in the Sydenham, Forest Hill and Penge Gazette. The Club President, Major Coates MP, was expected to open the new green but was prevented by absence abroad. In his absence, Mr H.J. Hancock, one of the Vice Presidents discharged this pleasant duty. The Club was now under dual management in conjunction with the Forest Hill Cricket Club, and the green, which had three rinks, was situated in the south east corner of the grounds. Before the end of 1905 Mr Hancock became President and the first Annual Dinner took place at the Rutland Hotel which still stands today.

The next report we have is dated 19th December 1908, describing the Annual Dinner, held at Frascati's in Oxford Street, with the Mayor of Lewisham as guest of honour. It is interesting to note that at the Dinner the Treasurer was pleased to report that after the year's working the Club had a balance on the right side of £5, making a total in hand of £22 13s 0d. He also reported that membership was low and new members urgently needed. Thanks were tendered to members' wives (not present at the Dinner) for dealing with refreshments. These dinners were entirely male functions and included a programme of music provided by Club members, after lengthy speeches, progress reports and prize-giving. Probably "Carriages at 10.30pm" was on the programmes.



A. F. Godsall & C. A. Booth E.B.A. Pairs Champions 1913

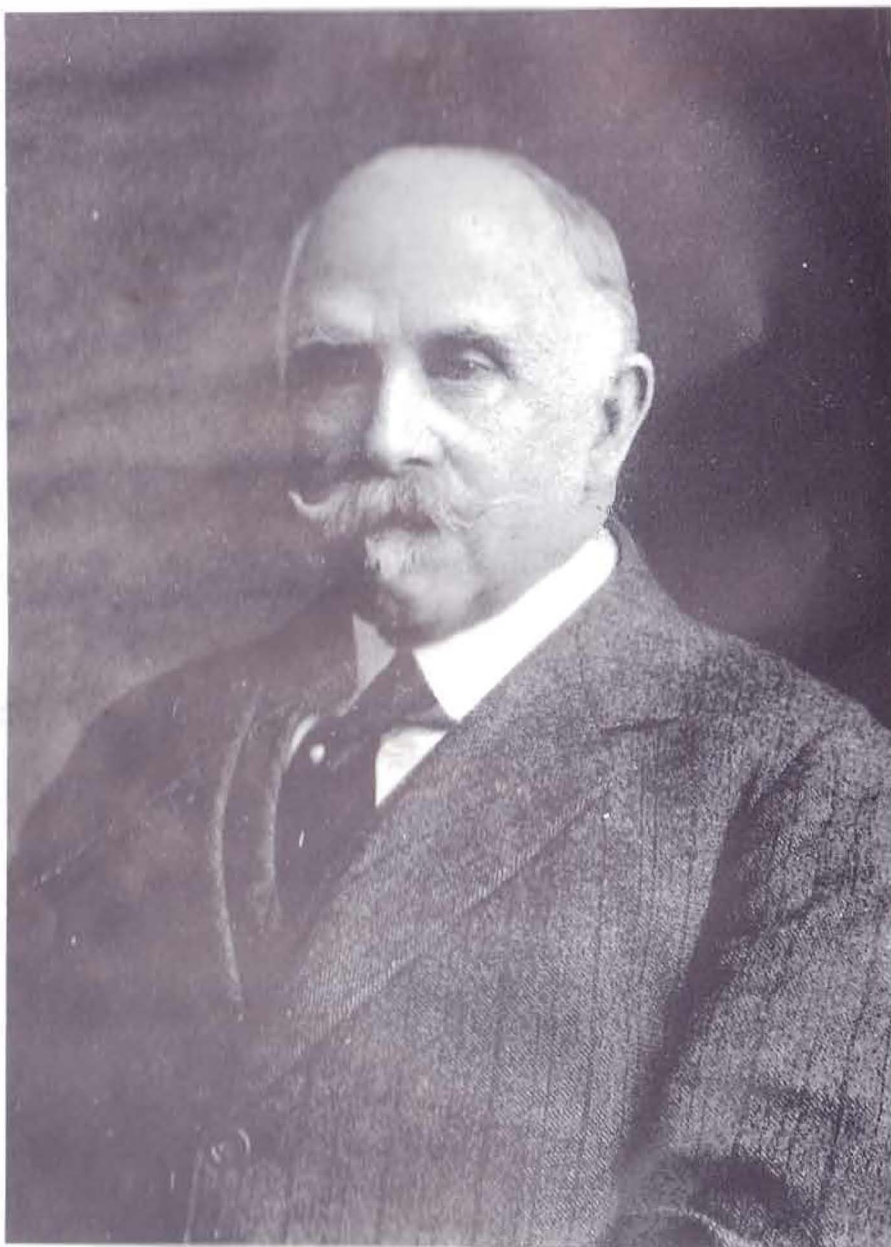
In 1910 the Club moved once more to the present ground in Wynell Road and, to make this move possible, a Company was formed with a Capital of £600 in £1 shares. The prime mover of this project was Mr W P Ginner, the one-time (and only) Patron of the Club, who was the main person responsible for financing the laying down of the green and building the pavilion.

1910 to the present day

The first turf of the new green was laid by Mrs W P Ginner in March 1910 and the pavilion was opened by the President, Mr H J Hancock on the 4th June 1910. The opening ceremony is described at some length in the "Sydenham, Forest Hill and Penge Gazette" of 11th June 1910. It reports the the green was opened by Mr Robert Mowat, President of the London & Southern Counties Bowling Association and representatives of the following Clubs were present:

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| Bannister Park | Finchley |
| Brockley | Mansfield |
| Catford | Muswell Hill |
| Chiswick & West London | Redhill |
| Crouch Hill | South London |
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| Edmonton | Sydenham Wells |
| Essex County | |

It was reported that the Club had every right to be proud of its new green at Wynell Road as it was declared to be one of the finest in the County (which is still true today). It has been a fine achievement to turn something like a ploughed field into a bowling green in just three months. The new green, which had a run of 42 yards was square so that members could play either way. In a long speech which traced the history of bowls back to the 12th and 13th century, Mr Hancock said that the ground had been leased for 21 years. At the time, to those old boys, 21 years must have seemed an eternity but, if it had not been for the foresight of some of their successors, who turned the original lease into a longer one and subsequently purchased the



J. Gillespie Club President (1911)

freehold, we should not now be celebrating our Centenary Year. In replying to the toast to the visitors, Mr McBride of the Chiswick and West London Club closed his speech with the following:

*Of sports we know there's a charming variety;
Pastimes to suit every grade of society;
Sports of the vulgar and sports of propriety;
But bowling's the sport that is king of them all.*

*Bowling bath charms you can never resist;
Once you have played it you'll always persist.
Game full of jollity,
No silly frivolity
Stands first for quality and ever shall.*

*Here's to Forest Hill bowlers, stout hearted and true,
They're the best of good sports, the whole world through;
Steadfast and zealous,
Never spiteful or jealous;
Prince of good fellows, is only their due.*

The original pavilion and green-keeper's cottage were blasted by a flying bomb in 1943 and the present pavilion was built on the same site at a cost of around £5,000. Due to post-war controls and restrictions this could not be done before 1951 and it was chiefly due to the energy and persistence of the then Club and Company Secretary, Mr Jack Wade, and his Board of Directors that the job was done even then. The new pavilion was opened by Mr Henry Price, MP for Lewisham West on 8th September 1951.

The Club prospered over the years and many improvements were made to pavilion and green surrounds. The green was true and fast and, up to the early 1960s the groundsman, after mowing the green, used to shave it with a scythe.

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W. A Sims

The year 1964 marked the formation of a Ladies Section which has continued to flourish over the years. It is pleasing to note that our centenary year coincides with the ladies' 30th anniversary.

In July 1969 discussions were initiated by our Board of Directors with the Leathersellers Company with a view of acquiring the freehold of the Bowling Club land held on a lease expiring 1994. These discussions reached a successful conclusion in April 1976 after nearly seven years of negotiations. We are much indebted to Mr Keith Martin, Chartered Surveyor, for his valuable advice and good services in this connection. The knowledge that the Company/Club owns its own Freehold is of great comfort and will be of lasting benefit to future generations of Club members.

The Club also had its share of misfortune during the 1970s. On the night of Thursday 28th September 1972 a serious fire almost completely gutted the Club pavilion. The cause was never fully established but, at that time, the Club was suffering from vandalism and regular break ins. The blaze appeared to have been started by an intruder setting fire to the curtains which then formed a screen from the bar area. To the great relief of the Company Secretary, who answered the call-out, the fire brigade had not damaged the green. From the insurance proceeds, the Club pavilion was restored to its former glory before the commencement of the 1973 season and, indeed, the opportunity was taken to extend and improve the original building. All members played their part in the restoration through gifts, contributions and hard work and their enthusiasm was well rewarded by the final result of their endeavours. The only sadness was the loss in the fire of many photographs, bannerettes and mementos from earlier years. However, the old honours boards, although badly blistered, were miraculously restored.



S R Tyrrell 1951

Also in the early 1970s, the Club was shocked to receive a claim for tree root damage caused to a neighbouring property. The claim was eventually dealt with by our Insurers but the outcome was that many of the large trees on the Club perimeter had to be chopped down and the roots poisoned. As this coincided with the incidence of "Elm Disease" we unfortunately lost most of the last remaining part of the "Forest on the Hill".

During much of the 1970s and 1980s, the green was maintained on a voluntary basis by our own members with varying results. However, we should remember the considerable good work carried out by David Topping and Joffre Harmsworth until their untimely deaths. Over the past years we have employed the professional services of a green contractor, Phil Clarke, and thanks to his excellent work we again have one of the best greens in the County. We have long been troubled by urban foxes who have in the past caused a considerable amount of damage to the green. After trying many preventative measures, without success, we were forced into having a low-current electrified fence around the green. This fence, although not harmful to the foxes, has succeeded in keeping them off the sacred green.

Our last commemorative brochure was to celebrate our 70th anniversary in 1964. Our match fixtures in that year numbered 35 and we subsequently added to that list our first ever Sunday match which was against the London Paper Mills, Dartford. In our Centenary Year 1994 we have more than twice that number of fixtures including prestige anniversary matches against the English Bowling Association, the Kent President and Council, the London & Southern Counties, the Kent County Past Presidents, the Kent County Patrons, the Combined Lewisham Parks and the Bromley, Beckenham & District Bowling Association. We are also looking forward to special matches against the Royal Household (Windsor) and the Portarddulais (Wales) Touring side. We also have two special Anniversary Days. One of these is against invited fours from Clubs who were present at the opening of our green in 1910 and the other

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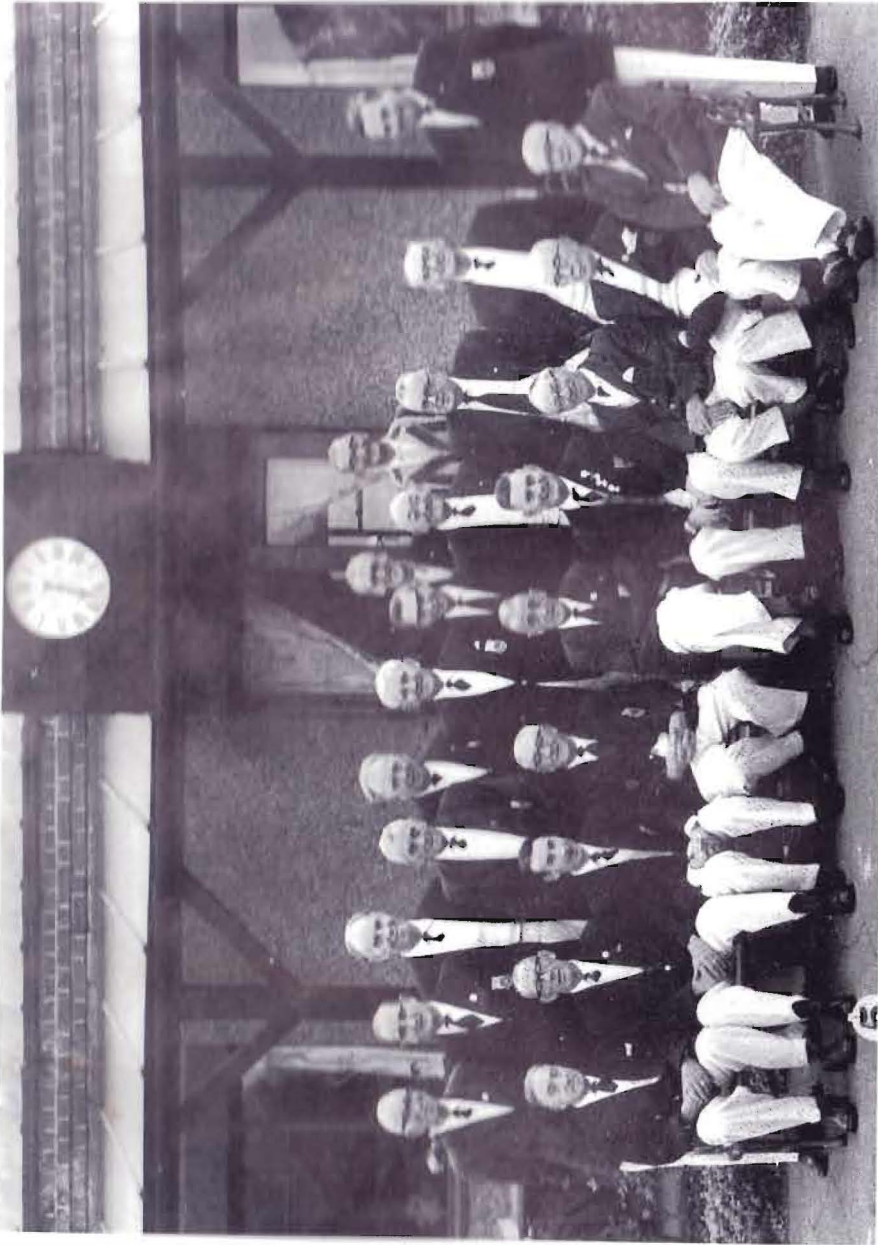
Any Club or individual wishing to become a Patron of our Club during 1994 may do so by becoming a Centenary Patron for a donation of £15. A Commemorative Lapel Badge will be issued together with a copy of this booklet. The special Lapel Badge will only be available this year

an internal Club fixture where we hope all members present will dress up in Victorian costume.

Our ever popular Invitation Tournament will take place in August under the valued sponsorship of the City & Metropolitan Building Society who also sponsor the Kent (North West) League in which eighteen private Clubs participate. The formation of this League took place at a meeting held at the Forest Hill Bowling Club on 18 January 1973 under the chairmanship of John Canham, who became the first Secretary and subsequently President of the League, an office which he continues to hold today.

There is an interesting photograph taken around 1912 where one can see the President and Captain of that period, on the side of the green on a Sunday morning, both of them in top hats and frock coats. Doubtless they were on their way home from Church and not contemplating a "roll-up", although it would not be surprising if their attire was also worn on the green! It was certainly the requisite 'status symbol' to obtain membership of the Club in those days. Nowadays bowls is a more democratic affair and bowlers come from all walks of life and are of all ages. As in all Clubs we have some bowlers as temperamental as prima donnas, some as placid as a mill pond and some between the two, but all with the same aim in life, to get the best out of the most exasperating game in the world. There is no doubt that the Club members have a famous heritage handed down to them from the past and the present generation will need to try hard to merit the traditions of which they are now custodians and strive to see that the Club goes forward to greater fame.

We are looking forward to a very successful season and to greeting our fellow bowlers from near and far. May they all have a most enjoyable game on our green.



Frank Stimpson's President's Match at Forest Hill B.C. 1961

MAJOR PLAYING HONOURS

English Bowling Association

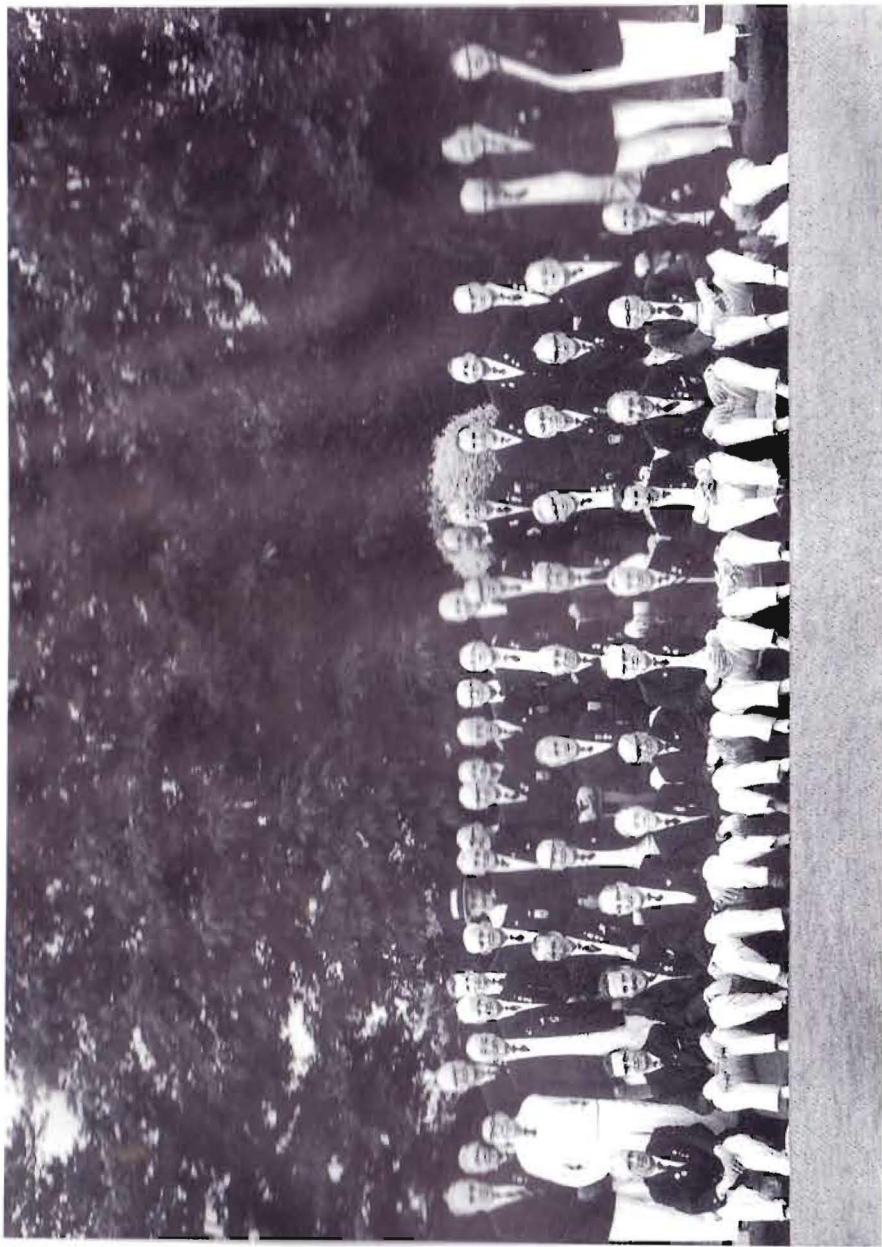
1907	Fours R/u	Unnamed
1913	Pairs Winners	A. E. Godsall & C. A. Booth
1920	Singles Winner	A. E. Godsall
1964	Triples Winners	W. Stevenson, J. Drummond & C. Sweeting
1991	Champion of Champions Q/Finalist	T. Duncan

Kent County Bowling Association

1912	Fours R/u	Unnamed
1927	Singles Winner	Melbourne Orchard
1928	Pairs R/u	J. Litterick and M. Orchard
1930	Gill Cup Winners	Unnamed
1946	Pairs S/Finalists	J. A. Crisp & C. Field
1964	Triples R/u	W. Stevenson, J. Drummond & C. Sweeting
1985	Unbadged Singles R/u	T. Duncan

London & Southern Counties Bowling Association

1905	Gold Badge R/u	W. F. Stewart
1911	Pairs Winners	A. E. Godsall & C. A. Booth
1919	Gold Badge Winner	A. E. Godsall
1920	Fours Winners	A. E. Godsall, H. Shepherd, W. Ginner & S. Thornett
1922	Triples Winners	A. E. Godsall, S. Thornett, & W. Ginner
1931	Triples R/u	Unnamed
1933	Lonsdale Winner	A. E. Godsall
1961	Lonsdale S/Finalist	R. Carew
1962	Lonsdale S/Finalist	T. H. Brown
1965	Lonsdale Winner	R. Brant
1972	Gold Badge R/u	D. J. Clark
1992	Fours S/Finalists	J. Brown, Ron Breame, M. Land & B. David



T. H. Brown's K.C.B.A. President & Council game v Forest Hill B.C. 1974

Although Forest Hill has seldom had a very large membership it has always had its fair share of personalities in the world of bowls, both in administrative and playing ability. As can be seen from the above record of playing honours our most famous bowler was A. E. Godsall, better known as 'Jimmy' Godsall. His record speaks for itself and surely few bowlers, if any, have won all L.S.C.B.A. competitions i.e. Gold Badge, Lonsdale Trophy, Pairs, Triples and Fours. One must bear in mind that entry is limited to only one event each year. In addition Jimmy Godsall won the Worthing Open Tournament Singles in 1932. He also played for England (1922-23). It is known that he was very modest and a kindly and tolerant critic who knew only too well how easy it is to miss all the simple shots that every bowler misses from time to time. We understand that he passed away in 1956.

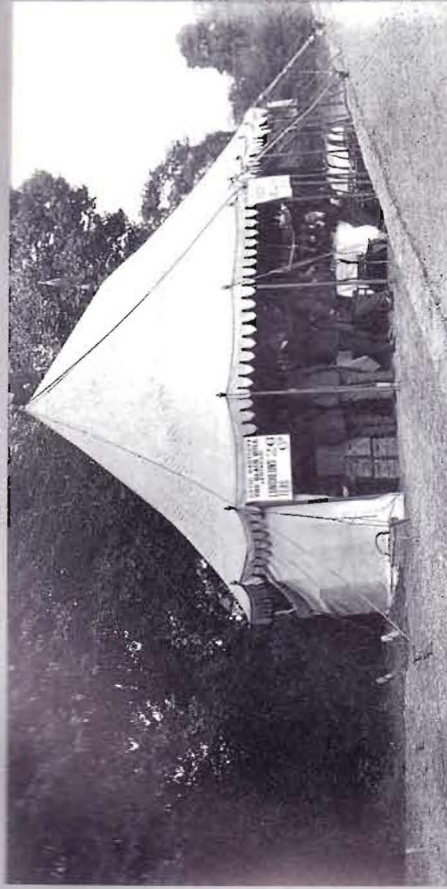
There are many other minor honours which have come to our members over the years and these are faithfully recorded on our honours boards. We would however mention Mr C. G. Gillespie who won the Empire Cup in 1911, the Bournemouth Open in 1912, the Hastings Open in 1919 and played for England (1911-12). Also Mr A Garry who captained England v Scotland in 1924 (England won). Other past international bowlers were Messrs W. A. Sims (1910-21) and Melbourne Orchard (1926-28) who was referred to as the 'Beau Brummel' of the bowling green. Among our present members we have Charlie Sweeting who is a former indoor international bowler.

Our Club has a few County players but for some reason in recent years, although our bowlers do well in Kent competitions they never quite surmount the final hurdles necessary to entitle them to be awarded a County Badge. We hope this lean period will come to an end in the near future.

From the Forest Hill B.C. Scrap Book



Devastation caused by a fire in 1972



*Forest Hill B.C. staged the E.B.A. National Finals in July 1911.
W. A. Sims was then the E.B.A. President*



*Four gentlemen boulders relax circa 1911
(anyone you recognise?)*



Mr James - Club Handicap Winner 1914

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The eleven clubs elected were Bromley, Chatham, Cray Valley, Darnley, Forest Hill, Greenwich, Hythe, Thanet, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells Grove and Woolwich and Plumstead. On the proposal of Mr G. Judge (Margate) seconded by Mr G. E. Smith (Tonbridge) Mr W. A. Sims of Forest Hill was then elected the first President of the Kent County Bowling Association.

Not only was Mr W. A. Sims of Forest Hill the first President of the K.C.B.A. in 1911 (in the same year that he was also President of the E.B.A.) he also subsequently became the third Hon. Secretary of the K.C.B.A.

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The President of the English Bowling Association congratulates the Forest Hill Bowling Club on attaining its one hundredth anniversary. The Club has provided a focal point of sporting activity within the community for a considerable period of time. Undoubtedly there have been a number of significant contributions by members during this long history, which have ensured its present strength.

He wishes the President, Officers and Members every success with their celebrations and trusts it will be a memorable year for everyone who participates in the planned festivities.

Furthermore, at the end of year, he hopes the Club will enjoy continued fortune, as it advances towards its next major celebration.

Lack Forster
President

LONDON & SOUTHERN COUNTIES B. A.

All anniversaries are memorable but a centenary is something special and the London & Southern Counties B.A. offer warmest congratulations to one of its long standing member Clubs, Forest Hill on reaching that milestone.

I am looking forward to bringing a L.S.S.C. B.A. team to Forest Hill on Wednesday 6th July to join you in your celebrations.

Your Club is even older than our Association, and has provided us with three Presidents W.F. Stewart (1913), A Garry (1926) and more recently S.R. (Sam) Tyrrell in 1951.

You have done well on the playing side too. Both the aforementioned W.F. Stewart (1905) and D.J. Clark (1972), were runners-up in our Gold Badge and A.E. Godsall (1933) and R. Brant (1965) both won the Lonsdale.

The London & Southern Counties B.A. is very appreciative of the valued support given by Forest Hill over a long period and wishes you the very best of luck for the next 100 years.

Henry Franklin
President elect

KENT COUNTY BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to the Forest Hill Bowling Club on 100 years of bowling.

Founded in 1891, the Club was also a founder member of the Kent County Bowling Association in 1911 and indeed provided its first President, W. H. Sims. Of the recorded affiliated Kent clubs today only three are older than Forest Hill - Milton Regis (1540) Bromley (1888) and Hythe (1652).

Of the past players for Forest Hill, the name A. E. (Jimmy) Godsall stands out for his bowling achievements which I am sure will be recorded elsewhere in your Centenary brochure. Many years later, another fine bowler who subsequently made a national name for himself, began his bowling career at Forest Hill - Guy Smith.

It is fitting that John Canham (a Past President of Kent and County Treasurer) should have been recalled to lead the Club in this great event in their history. I feel sure the County will join with me in wishing Forest Hill continued success in this great game.

Bernard Burt
President

KENT COUNTY WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION

On behalf of the Kent County Women's Bowling Association I would like to offer heartiest congratulations to the Forest Hill Bowling Club on reaching their centenary. It is particularly exciting for me, as a member of Forest Hill, to be President of the County in the same year. At the same time the Ladies Section of the Bowls Club will be celebrating its thirtieth anniversary.

The undoubted highlight of my Presidential Year will be the visit of the County Executive side to Forest Hill on Friday 23rd September and I hope that this will be an enjoyable and memorable game for members and visitors alike.

My best wishes to all at Forest Hill for a very happy and successful season.

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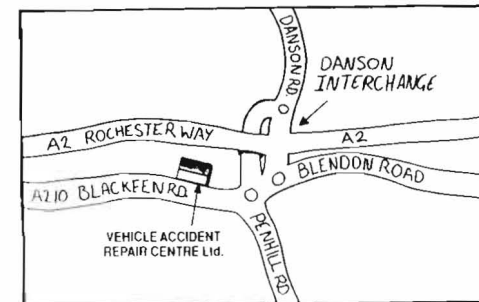
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FOREST HILL BOWLS CLUB - LADIES

As mentioned earlier, the Ladies Section of the Club was formed in 1964 so that they are celebrating their 30th Anniversary this year. Initially they were granted a licence which restricted their membership to 24 and set limits on their use of the green. Happily these restrictions no longer apply and the men and ladies co-exist side by side in perfect harmony. Care is taken with fixtures so that when the men are at home the ladies play away and vice versa.

The Club is much indebted to the ladies for their assistance over the past years with fund-raising and catering. For all intents and purposes we are one Club and we hope the ladies will equally enjoy our Centenary celebrations this year.

We must congratulate Eleanor Canham, the Ladies Secretary, on her election as President of the Kent County Women's Bowling Association for 1994 and we wish her a very happy and successful year.

We would also wish to mention Mary Green who is the Club's oldest member. Mary, a past President of the Ladies Club, is a sprightly 96 year old who still attends meetings and social functions at the Club. We all send her fond wishes and hope that she will be able to attend many of our events during this Centenary Year.



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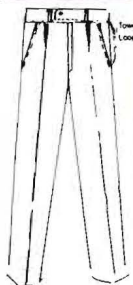
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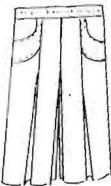
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FOREST HILL BOWLING CLUB LADIES PRESIDENT

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For the first 70 years the members' wives supported the club by making the tea and doing all the catering for the men's tournaments and matches. Once a year they were allowed onto the green, a funday. Most of them had never played, or not since the last Ladies Day. One can imagine the scene. The men provided the tea, which was usually salad, bread and jam followed by strawberries and cream. Our status has risen a lot since then.

I, on behalf of the ladies, wish every member a happy and successful Centenary Year.

Kath Bannister
President

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April	23 Sat	Bring and Buy Sale	3.00	Home	
	24 Sun	Whitehall	3.00	Home	3T
	30 Sat	West Wickham	3.00	Home	3R
May	2 Mon	Mixed Doubles Competition	10.50	Home	6
	7 Sat	Dulwich Sports	3.00	Home	3R
	8 Sun	Mayow Park	3.00	Away	3T
	11 Wed	Bethlem	3.00	Away	3T
	13 Fri	K.C.W.B.A. President's Day	2.30	Home	6R
	14 Sat	Britannic House	3.00	Home	3T
	15 Sun	Langley Park	3.00	Home	3T
	19 Thu	Langley Park	6.00	Away	2T NWK
	21 Sat	Blackheath & Greenwich	3.00	Home	3T
	22 Sun	Blackheath	3.00	Home	3T
	26 Thu	Sidcup	6.00	Home	2T NWK
	28 Sat	Cyphers	3.00	Home	3T
	29 Sun	Crystal Palace C.S. (with men)	2.00	Home	2R
	31 Tue	Livesey	2.30	Away	3T
June	2 Thu	Holmesdale 2	6.00	Home	2T NWK
	4 Sat	Eltham	3.00	Home	2R
	5 Sun	Wrotham (with men)	3.15	Away	2R
	7 Tue	Ladies Triples	6.00	Home	3-4R
	9 Thu	Swanley 2	6.00	Home	2T NWK
	11 Sat	South Norwood	3.00	Away	3T
	12 Sun	Cobham (with men)	3.00	Home	1R
	14 Tue	Ladies Triples	6.00	Home	3-4R
	15 Wed	South Suburban	2.30	Away	2R
	16 Thu	Penge Conservatives	2.30	Away	2R
	16 Thu	South Suburban	6.00	Away	2T NWK
	18 Sat	Shoebury Park, Southend	2.30	Away	2R
	21 Tue	Ladies Triples	6.00	Home	3-4R
	23 Thu	S.T.C.	6.00	Home	2T NWK
	24 Fri	Start Mixed 2 Wood Triples	6.15	Home	6
	25 Sat	Ladies Day	3.00	Home	6
26 Sun	Ladywell	3.00	Away	2R	
29 Wed	Dulwich Park	2.30	Home	2T	
30 Thu	Bellingham	6.00	Away	2T NWK	

July	2 Sat	Britannic House	3.00	Away	3T
	4 Sun	Temple	3.00	Home	3T
	5 Tue	Livesey	2.30	Home	3T
	7 Thu	Langley Park	6.00	Home	2T NWK
	9 Sat	Mountsfield Park (with men)	3.00	Home	2R
	10 Sun	Belmont (with men)	3.30	Away	2R
	11 Thu	Sidcup	6.00	Away	2T NWK
	16 Sat	Bethlem (with men)	3.00	Home	2R
	17 Sun	Mayow Park	3.00	Home	3T
	19 Tue	South Suburban	2.30	Home	2R
	21 Thu	Holmesdale 2	6.00	Away	2T NWK
	22 Fri	K.C.W.B.A. Finals Day	9.30	Home	6R
	24 Sun	Midland Bank	3.00	Home	3T
	26 Tue	Bellingham	2.30	Home	3T
28 Thu	Swanley 2	6.00	Away	2T NWK	
30 Sat	Borough Green (with men)	3.30	Away	2R	
31 Sun	Milton Regis (with men)	3.00	Home	2R	
Aug	3 Wed	Dulwich Park	2.30	Away	2T
	4 Thu	South Suburban	5.30	Home	2T NWK
	6 Sat	Dulwich Sports (with men)	3.30	Away	2R
	7 Sun	B.B.D.B.A. (with men)	3.00	Home	2R
	10 Wed	Nat. West.	6.00	Away	4T
	11 Thu	S.T.C.	5.30	Away	2T NWK
	13 Sat	Club Anniversary Day	2.00	Home	6R
	17 Wed	Bromley Town	5.30	Away	3T
	18 Thu	Bellingham	5.30	Home	2T NWK
	20 Sat	Lady Captain's Day	3.00	Home	6R
23 Tue	K.C.W.B.A. v K.C.B.A.	2.30	Home	6R	
28 Sun	Langley Park	3.00	Away	3T	
Sept	1 Thu	Penge Conservatives	2.30	Home	2R
	3 Sat	West Wickham	3.00	Away	3R
	4 Sun	Herne Bay (with men)	3.00	Home	2R
	10 Sat	Club Finals		Home	6R
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	17 Sat	Bromley	3.00	Home	2R
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	23 Fri	K.C.W.B.A. Executive	2.30	Home	6R
24 Sat	Gonville (with men)	3.00	Away	2R	
25 Sun	Woolwich & Plumstead	3.00	Home	3T	
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MEN'S FIXTURES

April	23 Sat	President v Captain	3.00	Home	6
	24 Sun	R.A.C.S.	3.00	Away	5
	30 Sat	Blackheath & Greenwich	3.00	Away	4CML + 2F
May	1 Sun	Britannic House	3.15	Home	4CML
	2 Mon	Mixed Doubles Competition	10.30	Home	6
	7 Sat	Bromley Town	3.00	Away	4
	8 Sun	Royal Household (Windsor)	3.00	Away	6
	11 Wed	Thames Polytechnic	2.30	Home	4T LXL
	14 Sat	Bethlem	3.00	Away	4
	15 Sun	Eltham Conservatives	3.00	Away	4CML
	17 Tue	Woolwich & Plumstead	2.30	Home	4T LXL
	18 Wed	English Bowling Association	2.00	Home	6
	19 Thu	Baker Bexford	6.00	Home	2T NWK
	21 Sat	Metropolitan Police	3.30	Away	4CML + 1F
	26 Thu	Lewisham Trades	6.00	Away	2T NWK
	28 Sat	Thames Polytechnic	3.00	Away	4CML
29 Sun	Crystal Palace G.S.	2.00	Home	4M + 2L	
30 Mon	Club Event				
June	1 Wed	R.A.C.S.	2.30	Home	4T LXL
	2 Thu	Bromley Common 2	6.00	Home	2T NWK
	4 Sat	Eltham	3.00	Away	4CML + 1F
	5 Sun	Wrotham	3.15	Away	4M + 2L
	8 Wed	West Wickham	2.30	Home	4T LXL
	9 Thu	R.A.S.A.	6.00	Away	2T NWK
	11 Sat	Kent President and Council	2.30	Home	6
	12 Sun	Cobham	3.00	Home	5M + 1L
	15 Wed	Kent Div. Two Wood & Unbadged Semi Final	6.00	Home	4
	16 Thu	Plumstead Radical	6.00	Home	2T NWK
	18 Sat	Southend on Sea	3.00	Away	6
	19 Sun	West Wickham	3.30	Home	4CML + 2F
	22 Wed	Blackheath & Greenwich	2.30	Away	4T LXL
	22 Wed	Kent Div. Two Wood & Unbadged Finals	6.00	Home	2
	23 Thu	Penge Conservatives	6.00	Away	2T NWK
	24 Fri	Start Mixed 2 Wood Triples	6.15	Home	6
	25 Sat	Ladies Day	3.00	Home	6
26 Sun	Northwood	3.00	Home	4	
27 Mon	Kent County Past Presidents	2.30	Home	6	
28 Tue	Combined Lewisham Parks	2.30	Home	6	
30 Thu	Muirhead	6.00	Home	2T NWK	

July	2 Sat	Sidcup	3.00	Home	4CML + 2F
	3 Sun	Cyphers	3.15	Away	4CML
	6 Wed	L. & S.C.B.A.	2.30	Home	6
	7 Thu	Baker Bexford	6.00	Away	2T NWK
	9 Sat	Mountsfield Park	3.00	Home	4M + 2L
	10 Sun	Belmont	3.30	Away	4M + 2L
	13 Wed	Sidcup	2.30	Away	4T LXL
	14 Thu	Lewisham Trades	6.00	Home	2T NWK
	16 Sat	Bethlem	3.00	Home	4M + 2L
	17 Sun	Old Colfeians	3.00	Away	4CML + 2F
	20 Wed	Old Colfeians	2.30	Away	4T LXL
	21 Thu	Bromley Common	6.00	Away	2T NWK
	23 Sat	Anniversary Match	2.30	Home	6-7
	24 Sun	Bromley	3.00	Away	4CML
	28 Thu	R.A.S.A.	6.00	Home	2T NWK
	30 Sat	Borough Green	3.30	Away	5M + 2L
	31 Sun	Milton Regis	3.00	Home	4M + 2L
Aug	3 Wed	Eltham	2.30	Home	4T LXL
	4 Thu	Plumstead Radical	5.30	Away	2T NWK
	6 Sat	Dulwich Sports	3.30	Away	4M + 2L
	7 Sun	B.B.D.B.A.	3.00	Home	5M + 2L
	10 Wed	Metrogas	2.30	Home	4T LXL
	11 Thu	Penge Conservatives	5.30	Home	2T NWK
	13 Sat	Club Anniversary Day	2.00	Home	6
	14 Sun	Kent County Patrons Assn.	3.00	Home	6
	16 Tue	Eltham Conservatives	2.30	Home	4T LXL
	18 Thu	Muirhead	5.30	Away	2T NWK
	20 Sat	Midland Bank	3.00	Away	4CML
	21 Sun	Bellingham	3.00	Home	4CML + 2F
	22 Mon	Club Invitation Tournament	9.30	Home	6
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